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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United  
4 States Army Specialist David A. Schaefer Jr. of Smithton, who  
5 died while serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq on May 16,  
6 2009; and

7           WHEREAS, David A. Schaefer Jr. was born March 27, 1982, in  
8 Belleville; he attended Freeburg High School in Freeburg and  
9 worked as a diesel mechanic for Beelman Trucking Company in St.  
10 Libory; he later worked for a trucking center in Troy; and

11           WHEREAS, Specialist Schaefer served with the Illinois  
12 National Guard for 1 1/2 years before being called to active  
13 duty in the regular Army; he was assigned to Company C, 1st  
14 Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade,  
15 Schweinfurt, Germany; and

16           WHEREAS, He was a strong-willed, very determined young man  
17 and a loving father and husband; he fought for our freedom with  
18 bravery and integrity and was proud to be a United States Army  
19 soldier; and

20           WHEREAS, David Schaefer was preceded in death by his  
21 paternal grandparents, Alan and Ada Schaefer; his maternal

1 great-grandparents, William and Violet Bumann; his  
2 great-uncle, William Bumann Jr.; and his grandparents-in-law,  
3 Aloma Y. Lawrence, Betty J. Sauer, and John Phillips; and

4 WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist David A. Schaefer  
5 Jr. is survived by his wife, Shelly, nee Phillips, Schaefer;  
6 his children, Jason Phillips, Logan Schaefer, and Savanna  
7 Schaefer; his father, David A. Schaefer Sr.; his mother,  
8 Rhonda, nee Ernst, Kemper; his sisters, Courtney Schaefer and  
9 Theresa Schaefer; his brothers, Dwayne (Tiffany) Schaefer and  
10 Adam Schaefer; his niece and nephew, Tiffany and Jerry Goodwin;  
11 his maternal grandparents, Walter "Red" and Viola, nee Bumann,  
12 Ernst; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Richard and  
13 Sherry, nee Lawrence, Phillips; his brother-in-law, Jeremy C.  
14 (Rachel) Phillips; his sister-in-law, Chrystal Phillips; his  
15 grandfather-in-law, Robert Lawrence; and his aunts, uncles,  
16 and cousins; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 mourn, along with his family, friends, and a grateful nation,  
20 the passing of United States Army Specialist David A. Schaefer  
21 Jr.; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of United States Army  
23 Specialist David A. Schaefer Jr. and his willingness to serve

1 his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice;  
2 and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of United States Army Specialist David  
5 A. Schaefer Jr. as a symbol of our sincere sympathy and  
6 respect.